

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 62

By Helton

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Robert Gerald "Bob" McKamey of East Brainerd.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Robert Gerald "Bob" McKamey; and

WHEREAS, Bob McKamey was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McKamey was the founder of Chattanooga Capital Toyota, which was the first Toyota dealership in the fourteen-state Mid-America region to sell more than 100 Toyotas in one month and the first dealership to sell a fleet of 100 Toyota trucks to the United States government; and

WHEREAS, a longtime member of the Toyota Dealer Council, Bob McKamey served four terms as national chairman; he was instrumental in the development and implementation of the Toyota Finance Company, which is a major asset for all Toyota and Lexus dealers; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McKamey was a member of the Cincinnati Regional Dealer Advisory Board for twenty-six years and served nine two-year terms as chairman; he was also the longest-serving Toyota Director on the board of the American International Automobile Dealers Association (AIADA) and was a member of the Chattanooga Automobile Dealers Association and the Tennessee Automobile Dealers Association; and

WHEREAS, a founding director of the Americans for Free International Trade political action group in Washington, D.C., Bob McKamey was one of ten businessmen chosen by President Ronald Reagan to negotiate with Japan for free trade; in 1995, he represented Toyota and AIADA in negotiations with the government of Japan on behalf of President Bill Clinton; and

WHEREAS, Bob McKamey was an active and devout member of Graceworks Church, which he served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, a noted philanthropist, Mr. McKamey was an early benefactor of McKamey Animal Center and was the largest private donor to the March of Dimes in Tennessee; he was passionate in helping the American Cancer Society and Toys for Tots, through which each year he contributed hundreds of bicycles, known as Bob's Bikes, to underprivileged children; and

WHEREAS, Bob McKamey was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Bob McKamey was the proud father of Jeff McKamey and Karla McKamey and the devoted grandfather of Hannah McKamey, Allie McKamey, and Leigh Anne McKamey;; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McKamey leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Robert Gerald "Bob" McKamey, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. McKamey.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.